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In re application of: **Au et al.**Serial No.: **09/859,705**Filed: **May 17, 2001**For: **Method and Apparatus for a  
Distributed Web Commerce  
System**§  
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§Group Art Unit: **3627**Examiner: **Harle, Jennifer I.**Attorney Docket No.: **YOR920000770US1****Certificate of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**I hereby certify this correspondence is being transmitted via  
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Carrie Parker**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.